

On Thursday, July 22, 2010, the Domestic Policy Subcommittee will hold a hearing entitled, "Quitting Hard Habits: Efforts to Expand and Improve Alternatives to Incarceration for Drug-Involved Offenders." The hearing will focus on front-end alternatives to incarceration for drug-involved offenders and abusers of illegal drugs. It will examine the extent to which and why (or why not) these efforts have been effective in reducing the levels of associated harms of incarceration, reducing recidivism, effectively treating drug abuse, and improving other social outcomes and which approaches (or mix of approaches) are best suited to accomplishing these goals.

The hearing will take place at 2:00 p.m. in room 2154 Rayburn House Office Building.

[To watch a webcast of the hearing, click here](#)

The witnesses scheduled to testify include:

Panel I

Mr. James H. Burch, II  
Acting Director of the Bureau of Justice Assistance  
Office of Justice Programs  
U.S. Department of Justice

Mr. Benjamin B. Tucker  
Deputy Director for State, Local, and Tribal Affairs  
Office of National Drug Control Policy

Panel II

Ms. Angela Hawken, Ph.D.  
Associate Professor  
Pepperdine University School of Public Policy

Mr. John Roman, Ph.D.  
Senior Research Associate  
Justice Policy Center, Urban Institute

Mr. Douglas B. Marlowe, Ph.D.  
Chief of Science, Law and Policy  
National Association of Drug Court Professionals

Mr. Daniel N. Abrahamson  
Director of Legal Affairs

Drug Policy Alliance

Ms. Melody M. Heaps  
President Emeritus  
Treatment Alternatives for Safe Communities (TASC)

Mr. Harold A. Pollack, Ph.D.  
Professor  
University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration

## **Documents and Links**

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[Opening Statement of Subcommittee Chairman Dennis Kucinich](#)

[Prepared testimony of Mr. James Burch](#)

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